

Sept. 5, 1919.

Dearest;

Just a few lines this afternoon to tell you I missed your letter to-day.

Funny thing yesterday I went in my room after lunch and started to write and forgot all about the time. Mother came up on the Empire State and got here at 7.00 and my grand mother thought I had gone down to meet her.

She didn't say much tho only
I was the same. I cant tell
you what she meant tho.

Glen Palmer came up with
her and so we went to the
show last night and sat up
and talked over old times till
quite late. I am glad he came
up for I can have a little
fun for a few days. He is
a real woman hater and so I
have a companion of my own
ways now.

I also saw Harry Fitzpatrick here yesterday afternoon. He is with two Cannucks on a little trip thru to the Falls. Quite surprised to hear from see him.

Heard from Lottie this a.m. Pastore is not going to teach. That is all I can announce for publication altho he mailed a real nice Cong letter to me. She will probably tell you all about it.

Helen I want you to decide whether I have your brotherly love or as a husband. It is greatly to my interest that I know for if you ~~don't~~ know that it is a brotherly love I am not going back to college but have some thing else in view.

Helen you must decide. It means a year lost if I do wrong and for once I can't tell you all about it now. I am

doing this to find out for
personal satisfaction but
because it means my whole
future. I am willing to take
a chance but you must sit
right down now and give it
a good hours thought and if
you find it is a brotherly love
it is your duty to tell me and
I must know Monday. I was
never more serious Helen but
I cant pass this by without
some degree of certainty in

your future plans.

I know this letter seems cold and business like but I simply can't seem to change the tone. I do love you dear with all my power and if I my prayers and hopes haven't been answered ^{by} now I guess I am a failure for that's what losing you means. And dear be sure for it means every thing to me and just as much to

you. All I can say is that one path
leads me to 2 years more at Midd with
you at the end or five years of doubt and
uncertainty with nothing definite. And
Helen it is up to you to decide for I
realize that you mean to me all
of life itself and if I cant have you
well I am going to do something else
and it starts the 12 of Sept so you
see I am at the cross in the roads.

Please Helen be sure if you do decide one
way.

I dont know any thing else to say
but what I have repeated so many times.

Please Helen dear
Always your
Jim